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SUBJECT: WASHINGTON POST INTEREST IN U.S. MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO
ETHIOPIA

REF: ADDIS 10455

1. WASHINGTON POST CORRESPONDENT DAVID OTTAWAY IS STILL PURSUING
REPORTS OF US\$300 MILL OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT FOR ETHIOPIA (REFTEL).
IN CONVERSATION WITH AMB HE SAID HIS PAPER HAS SUCH REPORTS FROM
WASHINGTON SOURCES, AND HE IS HEARING IN ADDIS THAT A PACKAGE
AMOUNTING TO \$300 MILL OF VARIOUS KINDS OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT HAS
BEEN NEGOTIATED, COMPRISING ALL CATEGORIES OF GRANT MAP, FMS
CREDIT, AND CASH SALE, AND COVERING FIVE-YEAR PERIOD.

2. WHOLE CONVERSATION WAS OFF RECORD AND NOT FOR ATTRIBUTION TO
ANY U.S. SOURCE. AMB SAID HE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO COMMENT ON
PLANS FOR U.S. MILITARY ASSISTANCE FOR ETHIOPIA, AND WOULD ONLY
SAY THE FOLLOWING:

(A) NO "PACKAGE PROGRAM" FOR FIVE YEARS OR FOR ANY OTHER PERIOD HAS
BEEN DISCUSSED, AND (B) WHAT HAS SO FAR BEEN AGREED UPON DOES NOT
APPROACH THE MAGNITUDE OF \$300 MILL FIGURE. OTTAWAY SAID
HE HAD WORD FROM WASHINGTON THAT A SALE IN EXCESS OF \$25 MILL
HAD BEEN LAID BEFORE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE IN ACCORDANCE
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WITH LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS. AMB SAID THAT TO HIS KNOWLEDGE

NO SUCH NOTIFICATION HAD BEEN GIVEN TO CONGRESS. OTTAWAY WAS
FAMILIAR WITH PRESIDENTIAL DETERMINATION FOR EARLIER \$25 MILL
CREDIT PROVISION.
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